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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - BOLIVIA MORALES INAUGURATION

¶1. On January 19, conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ. 102,000) carried an editorial entitled, "Presidential Trip to Bolivian Inauguration." Quote:

"The presence of the (Chilean) president in La Paz...signals the goodwill Chilean diplomacy has shown to Bolivia in recent years."

¶2. On January 19, center-left "Diario Siete" (circ. 23,000) carried an editorial entitled, "Lagos' Trip to La Paz." Quote:

"Two neighboring countries that do not have diplomatic relations, that have been deeply involved in a mute dialogue for decades and subject to misunderstandings and suspicions, need to take advantage of all the channels that could open the gates to a dialogue."

¶3. On January 19, conservative, independent "La Tercera" (circ. 102,000) carried a column by Bolivian journalist and analyst of Imaginacion Consultants Sergio Molina: "Squaring the Circle." Quote:

"Maybe leadership beyond confrontational male logic might be what both countries need. Only time will tell.... Who can deny the attraction caused by two outsiders--a woman in male world and an indigenous in a white world--that may be called upon to square the circle?"

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